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Nelson Exhibit #1, Vol. XX, page 640, last paragraph on page: "I was informed by Dr. Clark of the President's expiration. I asked Mrs. Standridge to obtain a death certificate for Dr. Clark to complete." She then refers to Burkley but does not name him. Standridge testimony — no direct or indirect reference to death certificate.

Vol VI, p. 20, testimony of Dr. Kemp Clark:

"I filled out the death certificate at the request of Dr. George Burkley, the President's physician at the White House, signed the death certificate as a registered physician in the State of Texas, and gave this to him to accompany the body to Washington."

If Clark handed the certificate to Buckley what is the basis for Manchester's dramatic delivery of it as Air Force One was about to take off for Washington? The point may be important. Apparently a body may not be removed for burial without a death certificate. Clark not only fulfilled a routine function but, according to Manchester, was ready to use force to overcome Rose's opposition to removal of the corpse. His role appears consistent. Manchester's drama implies the body was removed without the necessary death certificate and this technical violation of law was repaired at the last moment. The point needs clarification; Manchester wrapped it in confusion

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